

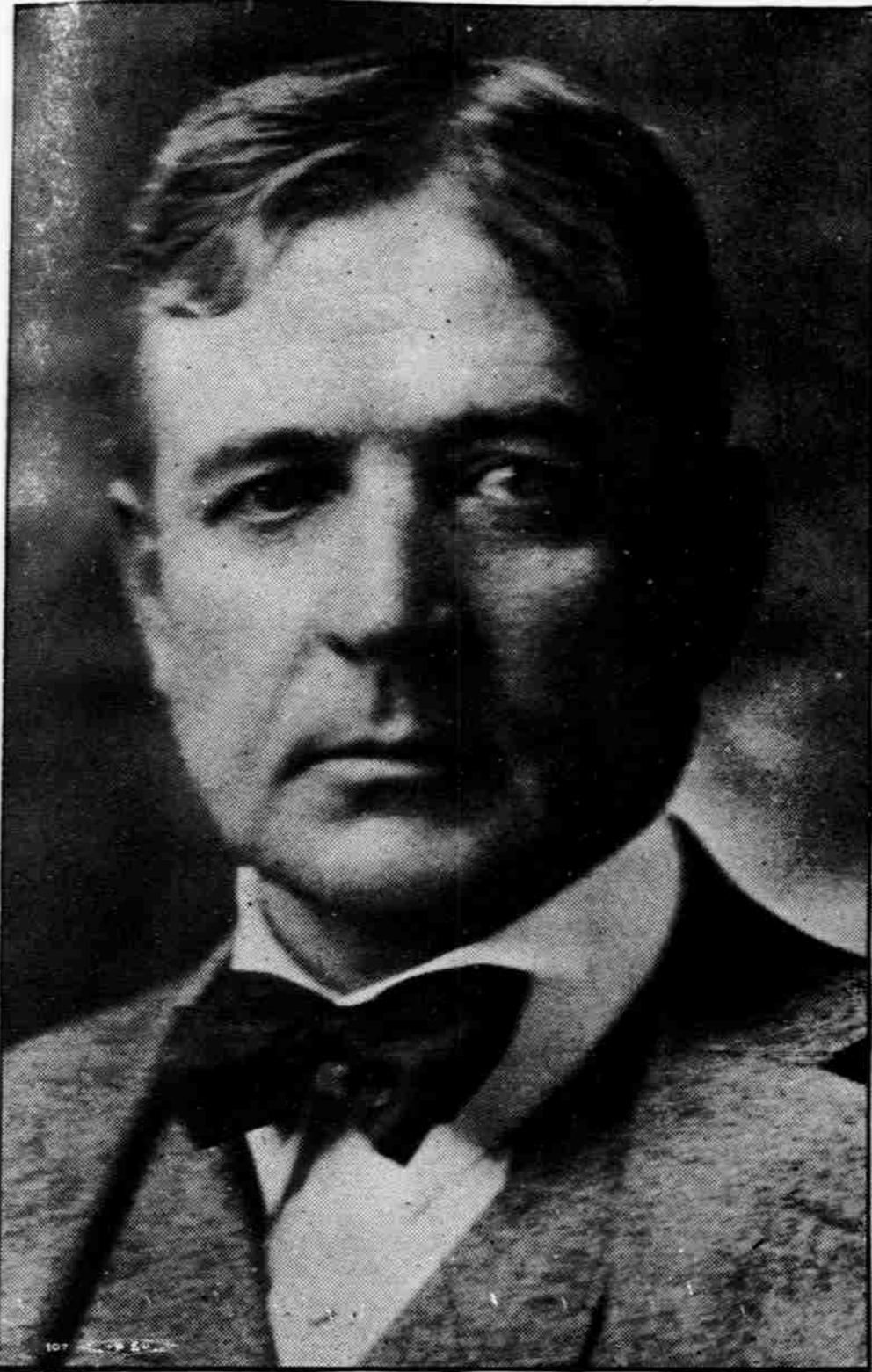
The BROAD AX

HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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COL. FRANK O. LOWDEN.

The true and tried friend of the Afro-American race who will open up his boom in full blast for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois, in Chicago, Saturday, August 26th and his able and far seeing campaign manager, the Hon. W. H. Stead, declares that "everything indicates his overwhelming nomination against all competitors for governor at the State Wide primaries Wednesday, September 13th.



HON. GEORGE E. KEYS.

Warm friend of the Colored people who was willing to lay down his life during the race riots in Springfield in 1908, in order to protect them; Vice President of the Farmers National Bank of that city in which two Colored men are employed and Republican candidate for the nomination for State Treasurer of Illinois, to be voted for at the State-wide primaries Wednesday, September 13th.

The Twenty-First Anniversary Edition of The Broad Ax Still Looking Backward and Forward

IT HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE ONLY NEWSPAPER CONDUCTED BY AN AFRO-AMERICAN IN THIS GREAT CITY WHICH HAS RUN FOR SEVENTEEN LONG YEARS UNDER THE SAME OWNERSHIP OR MANAGEMENT WITHOUT MISSING ONE SINGLE ISSUE.

IT HAS GALLANTLY FOUGHT A LONG AND PERSISTENT BATTLE IN BEHALF OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY OF ALL MEN BEFORE THE LAW.

IT HAS NEVER HESITATED IN DENOUNCING THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO APPROPRIATE UNTO THEMSELVES ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO RIDE ROUGHSHOD OVER THE RIGHTS AND THE LIBERTIES OF THE TOLLING MILLIONS. IT HAS MADE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DIFFERENCE TO IT, WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS OR WHAT-NOTS.

ITS TERRIFIC AND MEMORABLE ONSLAUGHT ON UNITED STATES SENATOR FRANK J. CANNON OF UTAH, IN 1897, 1898 AND IN 1899, CAUSING HIS DEFEAT IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SUCCEED HIMSELF IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND ITS NATION OR WORLD-WIDE FIGHT ON SENATOR BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN IN 1906, WHICH FINALLY TERMINATED BY DRIVING HIM FROM THE LECTURE PLATFORM BRIEFLY RECALLED.

IT HAS ASSISTED TO SHAPE THE LEGISLATION OF THIS MIGHTY NATION—THIS CAN BE VERIFIED BY READING SENATE DOCUMENT NO. 182, 54TH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, PAGE 77, WHICH CONTAINS AN EDITORIAL FROM THE BROAD AX, FEB. 19TH, 1897, IN FAVOR OF THE PASSAGE OF THE PRESENT NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY LAW.

FINE MINERAL COLLECTION FROM 68 OF THE LEADING MINES OF UTAH, NEVADA, IDAHO AND MONTANA VALUED AT FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS PRESENTED TO THE FISK UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, BY MR. AND MRS. JULIUS F. TAYLOR IN 1897.

ONE FREE COPY OF THE BROAD AX HAS BEEN SENT EACH WEEK TO THE OLD FOLKS' HOME, THE HULL HOUSE AND THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM OCTOBER 1, 1899 DOWN TO THE PRESENT TIME.

MANY SHORTSIGHTED PEOPLE CONTENT THAT THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER IS COLD AND VERY SELFISH—THAT HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANYONE EXCEPT FOR PERSONAL GAINS—THAT THE PAPER IS SO SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT THAT IT EXERTS NOT THE SLIGHTEST INFLUENCE OVER THE MINDS OF MEN—SUCH STATEMENTS ARE AS FAR FROM THE TRUTH AS THE BRIGHT SHINING SUN IS FROM THE EARTH.

THE FIRST POEM EVER WRITTEN BY FENTON JOHNSON WHEN HE WAS ONLY ELEVEN YEARS OLD, WAS PUBLISHED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE BROAD AX, FREE OF CHARGE, FEBRUARY 24, 1900. THE POEM WAS ENTITLED "ABSALOM'S DEATH."

LETTERS AND TELEGRAM FROM J. L. TORREY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE PRESENT NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY LAW; ALSO LETTERS FROM HON. WILLIAM SULZER, MRS. ANNIE K. IRVINE, LEIGH H. IRVINE, THE WIFE AND SON OF THE LATE COL. CLARKE IRVINE, CONGRESSMAN MARTIN B. MADDEN, DR. A. WILBERFORCE WILLIAMS AND DR. W. A. BASTEDO, ALL EXCEPT ONE HAVE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED IN THESE COLUMNS.

ONE COPY OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE BROAD AX, INCLUDING SEVERAL COPIES OF OTHER ISSUES AND OUR BUSINESS CARD ARE DEPOSITED IN THE COPPER LINED BOX WHICH RESTS IN THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW CITY HALL WHICH WAS LAID JULY 20, 1909. NO OTHER AFRO-AMERICAN PUBLICATION WAS HONORED WITH SPACE WITHIN IT, WHICH WILL BE HANDED DOWN TO GENERATIONS YET UNBORN.

IT IS STRICTLY INDEPENDENT IN POLITICS AND THEREIN LIES ITS GREAT STRENGTH, POWER AND INFLUENCE.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF AFRO-AMERICANS ARE NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED IN CIVILIZATION TO APPRECIATE THE WORTH AND INFLUENCE OF NEWSPAPERS.

THEY ARE UNABLE TO COMPREHEND THE UNDISPUTED FACT THAT THE PEN IS MIGHTIER OR MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SWORD.

CHAPTER 1.

August 31, 1895, or a fraction more than twenty-one years ago The Broad Ax first made its appearance in Salt Lake City, Utah, and its publication was continued in that far away western city once each week until June 1, 1899. Then it was discontinued there and we removed back to this great metropolis where we had resided for seven years prior to 1895 and began its publication in this city July 15, 1899, and it has made its appearance once each week without missing one single issue from that time to the present, which is seventeen long years.

It has the great honor or distinction of being the only newspaper conducted by an Afro-American in this bustling city that has run continuously for seventeen long years without missing one single issue, under the same ownership or management and we naturally feel

proud of its record and grand achievement in that respect.

No one was requested to render any support to it when it was first started in this city until after it had been running for one month and for the first six months after launching it on the more than the uncertain and very dangerous sea of journalism, at this point for he it remembered that this city has been the graveyard for Colored newspapers for more than twenty-five of them have been brought to the light of day within the past seventeen years and the vast majority of them only breathed the free air of real journalism (as it were) for a few years, months or weeks. Then they gradually gave up the ghost or ceased to exist, but during all those years or from July 15, 1899, down to the present time The Broad Ax has, like a well-oiled and well-regulated clock, in sea-



HON. JULIUS JOHNSON.

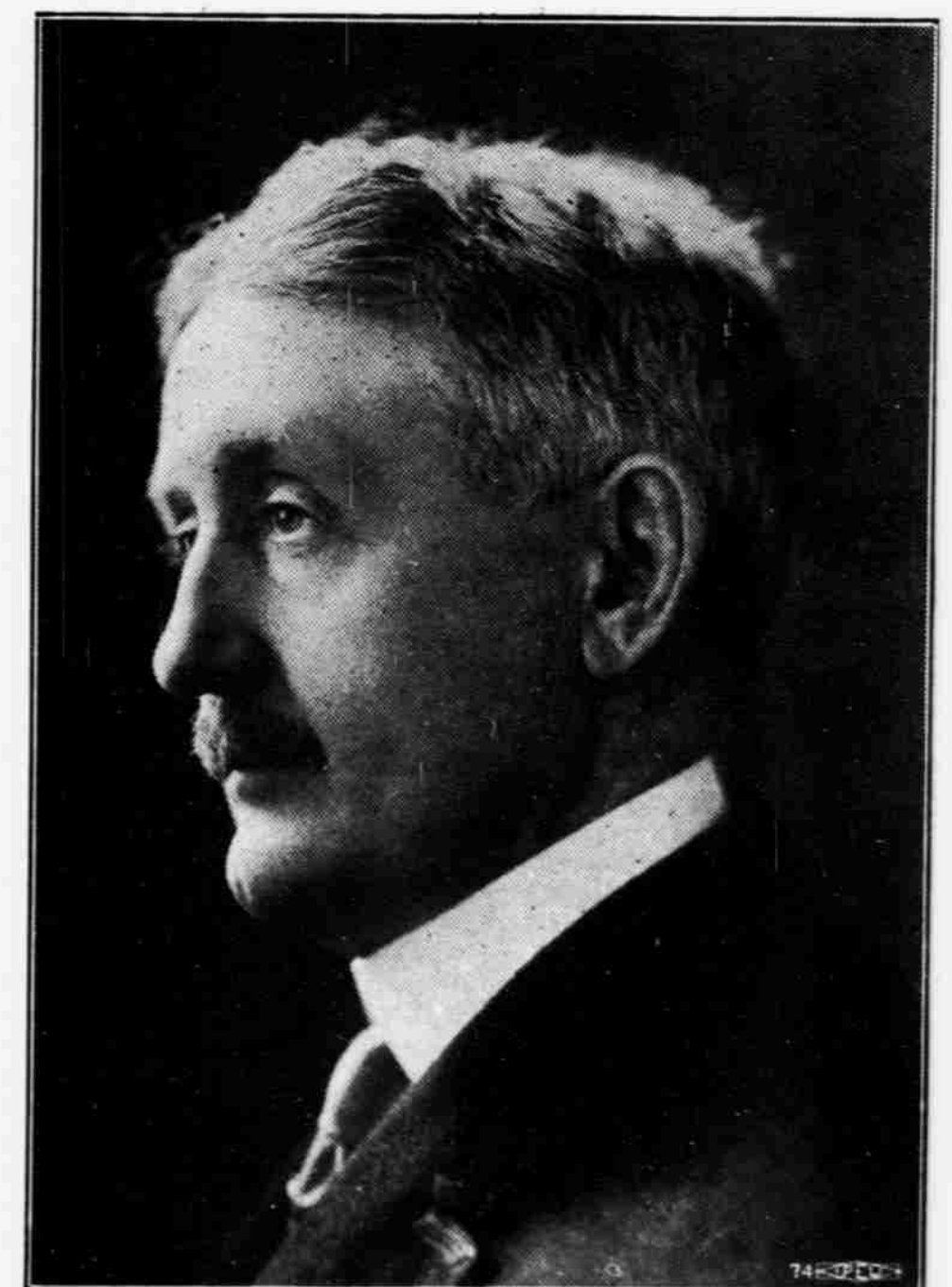
First class business man of Moline, Illinois, who is rated very high by the Dun and Bradstreet Commercial Agencies and Republican candidate for the nomination for Auditor of Public Accounts for the state of Illinois, to be voted for at the state wide primaries, Wednesday, September 13th.

son and out of season, through hot or cold, rain or bright sunshine, bravely surmounting the adverse waves and the many obstacles which have from time to time been unsuccessfully cast before it, like the ever flowing river, has continued to run on and on.

What we started out to say was simply this, that for the first six months after starting the paper in this city, in order to keep down our then small printing bills and other expenses so as to enable us to promptly meet all of our obligations, each Friday evening,

after the papers came from the press, they would be tied up in a large bundle and we would lug them to the street car, on to our humble little home. In the meantime our good wife, Mrs. Taylor, would address the few wrappers for its regular readers during the week and after arriving home with the papers she would make some paste out of flour and water, then, after eating a little dinner, we would pitch in and fold the papers for our dear life, while Mrs.

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HON. RICHARD J. BARR.

State Senator of Joliet, Illinois, who has at all times stood by the side of State Senator Samuel A. Ettelson in his fight against "Jim Crow" legislation which was intended to strike at the civil and political status of the Colored people residing in this state. He also assisted Senator Ettelson with his vote and labor to secure the state appropriation for the construction of the Eighth Regiment Armory. Therefore, every Colored voter throughout this state should on Wednesday, September 13, assist Senator Barr to secure the nomination for Attorney General of Illinois.